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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Selfreliance  
4 Ukrainian American Federal Credit Union (SUAFUCU) on 60 years of  
5 service; and

6           WHEREAS, Selfreliance Ukrainian American Federal Credit  
7 Union (SUAFUCU) celebrated 60 years of service on September 21,  
8 2011; the organization has helped countless Ukrainian families  
9 and businesses in the State of Illinois live the American  
10 dream; and

11           WHEREAS, SUAFUCU was founded on May 12, 1951, by Anton  
12 Artymowycz, Roman Mycyk, Alexander Atanowsky, Stefan  
13 Sambirsky, Bohdan Bilynsky, Elias Semianczuk, Joseph Datzko,  
14 Walter Tymciurak, Gregory Masnyk, and Elias Wytanowycz as a  
15 financial cooperative whose mission was to benefit local  
16 members of the Ukrainian American community; and

17           WHEREAS, The men signed the Organization Certificate of  
18 Selfreliance Federal Credit Union and the Certificate was  
19 approved on June 20, 1951 by the Director of the Bureau of  
20 Federal Credit Unions; on July 2, 1951, William T. Breitzke,  
21 representing the Illinois Credit Union League, presented  
22 Federal Credit Union Charter #7346 to the credit union's newly

1 elected board of directors; and

2 WHEREAS, Selfreliance Ukrainian American Federal Credit  
3 Union is open to anyone of Ukrainian descent or members of  
4 other Ukrainian organizations, SUAFCU stays very focused on its  
5 original mission; the democratic tenets to which the Union  
6 strictly adheres make it a unique institution that provides an  
7 example of what hard working communities can achieve; and

8 WHEREAS, During its first 15 years, SUAFCU was incredibly  
9 active, providing its members with over \$4,156,000 in loans;  
10 thanks to the responsible lending practices of this community,  
11 many Ukrainian doctors, dentists, and veterinarians were able  
12 to found successful practices; dozens of other businesses  
13 opened thanks to SUAFCU, but just as important, 1200 families  
14 were able to purchase homes in the Chicago area; and

15 WHEREAS, This community came together to exemplify the  
16 American dream through smart practices and a closely-knit  
17 community; around these businesses, the "Ukrainian Village"  
18 prospered into a network of interconnected community  
19 organizations including cultural and social clubs and  
20 churches; SUAFCU works closely with churches and others to  
21 ensure the assimilation process is less difficult for Ukrainian  
22 immigrants, a population that brings diversity and new ideas to  
23 the area; and

1           WHEREAS, SUAFCU continues to prosper and help families and  
2 businesses under current President and CEO Bohdan Watral and  
3 Chairman of the Board of Directors Michael Kos, two strong  
4 advocates for Ukrainian Americans; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7 we congratulate the Selfreliance Ukrainian American Federal  
8 Credit Union on their anniversary and wish them the best for  
9 years to come; and be it further

10           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to Selfreliance Ukrainian American Federal Credit  
12 Union President and CEO Bohdan Watral and Chairman of the Board  
13 of Directors Michael Kos as a symbol of our respect and esteem.